

DOUBLING OF ERNAKULAM-TRIVANDRUM LINE

874. **SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state the details of progress made so far in doubling of Ernakulam-Trivandrum line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : On Ernakulam-Trivandrum section of Southern Railway, an alternative BG line has been proposed for construction between Ernakulam-Kayankulam. Of this Ernakulam-Alleppey (57 kms.) has already been commissioned on 15-10-1989. Alleppey-Kayankulam (43 kms.) is targetted for opening in 1991-92. When completed, it will provide two single lines between Ernakulam and Kayankulam—one via Alleppey and the other via Kottayam—the existing route. Doubling between Kayankulam and Quilon (41 kms.) was approved in the Budget for 1989-90 and the work already taken up. Doubling between Quilon-Trivandrum (65 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1990-91. Completion of doubling on Kayankulam-Quilon-Trivandrum will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

LINKING OF PUTTAPARTHI AIRPORT WITH OTHER AIRPORTS

875. **SHRI GANGADHAR SANI-PALLI :** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Puttaparthi Airport in Andhra Pradesh with any other airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS AT KOTA JUNCTION

876. **SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to instal computers at Kota junction; and

(b) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

LPG CONNECTIONS FROM MP's QUOTA

877. **SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA :** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether cooking gas connections have not been released to those in respect of whom orders had been issued by the Government from MP's quota during the year 1990-91 against their recommendations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to take action in this regard; and

(d) if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) Some pending cases are being looked into.

[English]

BEED-PARLI VAJUNATH RAILWAY LINE

878. **SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning a new railway line;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government had recommended Beed-Ahmedabad-Parli Vajunath railway line long back;